



## About Us

First State Community Action Agency was founded in 1965 as the Sussex County Community Action Agency.

In 1993, the agency expanded its service to include all three Delaware counties and became First State Community Action Agency.

Today, First State is recognized as one of Delaware's leading anti-poverty human services organizations helping people help themselves to a better life.

## Regarding Eligibility

Our programs service individuals with household incomes at or below 125% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Our goal is to help low-income individuals, families and communities move from a state of crisis and vulnerability to sustainability and self-sufficiency.

SELF-SUFFICIENCY

THRIVING

Stable

Vulnerable

Crisis

**Statewide, we're here to help!**

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## People Helping People Build Community

FIRST STATE COMMUNITY  
ACTION AGENCY OFFERS A  
FULL ARRAY OF SERVICES FOR  
THOSE IN NEED.



### First State's Mission:

*"To work towards the elimination of poverty and lessen the effects of poverty on people of low-income."*



## Community Services

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Promotes collaboration among residents of communities to identify problems and acquire resources to help strengthen neighborhoods and combat problems such as injustice, crime and drug abuse

#### LA CASITA OUTREACH

Provides the non-English speaking community with life skills assistance

#### DELAWARE PREVENTION COALITION PROGRAM

Promotes safe, drug-free living for children, teens & families

#### COMMUNITY-BASED AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- **First State After-School Program** provides youth ages 5-18 daily homework and tutorial assistance 3 hours after school
- **La Casita Homework Program** assists children in non-English speaking families with homework assignments
- **Cape Henlopen After-School** provides 4 tutorial programs heavily academic-based in homework assistance
- **Summer Enrichment Camp** provides recreation, education, trips, creative arts & nutrition

#### EITC TAX PREPARATION

Provides tax filing help for families of low-income

## Family Resource Development

### COMPREHENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT

Assists families of low-income in obtaining employment, income education, stable housing and access to transportation

#### DELAWARE STATE RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Serves families requiring affordable housing and individuals exiting state-supported facilities, institutions and foster care

#### PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES

Helps stabilize families with one-on-one counseling, reducing levels of stress and eliminating abuse

#### EMERGENCY SERVICES AND FOOD PANTRY

Offers limited emergency assistance with food, rent, utilities, evictions, medical and prescriptions and provides emergency shelter for fire victims or domestic violence

## Housing Services

### HOUSING COUNSELING AND FINANCIAL EDUCATION

Helps first-time homebuyers and existing homeowners

#### HEATING REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Updates home improvements to healthy conditions and reduces household energy use in heating, furnace and home repairs, education and Super Energy Saving EcoKits

#### SUMMER COOLING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Ensures the health and safety of households of low-income through the installation of energy-efficient air conditioners

#### DE-LEAD DELAWARE PROGRAM

Prevents lead poisoning in children by identifying and abating lead hazards in the home

## Employment Services

### SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (S.C.S.E.P.)

Provides job skills and employment opportunities for citizens 55+

#### SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

For companions & recipients 55+. Provides assistance with personal care, light housekeeping and meal preparation and transportation

#### ADULT CULINARY ARTS TRAINING

Offers training for employment in the foodservice industry for adults

#### "NOW WE'RE COOKING" Youth Culinary Training Program

Provides training in culinary and life skills for disabled & non-disabled students in grades 9-12 with the goal of employment in the foodservice industry

#### SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Summer employment opportunities and job skills training for teens ages 14-18

